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FOLLOWING REPEAT SOFIA 1544 SENT ACTION SECSTATE, HELSINKI
IMMEDIATE 28 JUL 75

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 1544

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT FORD), BU

SUBJECT: FORD-ZHIVKOV MEETING AND KISSINGER-MLADENOV MEETING

REF: STATE 176428

1. CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV PURSUANT TO REFTEL.
HE ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE THE SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION THAT
THEY MEET BRIEFLY AROUND 1615 HOURS ON JULY 31 AT THE CONFER-
ENCE SITE. CONSULTING THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, HE REMARKED
THAT WHILE HE WOULD LIKE TO LISTEN TO SPEECHES OF YUGOSLAVIA
AND TURKEY, SINCE THEY ARE NEIGHBORS OF BULGARIA, HE COULD
ABSENT HIMSELF NOT ONLY DURING DANISH AND BELGIAN INTERVEN-
TIONS BUT ALSO, IF NECESSARY, DURING THAT OF SWEDEN. I SAID
THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD BE IN TOUCH ABOUT PRECISE TIMING.

2. AS REGARDS ZHIVKOV'S REQUEST TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD, I
PUT THE POSITION IN EXACTLY THE TACTFUL TERMS OF PARAGRAPH 1
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REFTEL, LEAVING OPEN FAINT POSSIBILITY THAT SOMETHING MIGHT
YET BE ARRANGED, AND MLADENOV GOT THE POINT AND REMARKED
THAT IT WAS EASY TO SEE THAT TIME FOR EVERYONE WOULD
BE SHORT, IN FACT ZHIVKOV'S OWN TIME WAS BECOMING

DIFFICULT TO ALLOCATE, AND OBVIOUSLY EACH CHIEF OF
STATE COULD NOT SEE ALL THE OTHERS.

3. COMMENT: IF FLIGHT PLAN FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE
FROM BUCHAREST TO BELGRADE INVOLVES OVERFLIGHT OF BUL-
GARIA, IT WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE IF PRESIDENT COULD,
AS HE PASSES THROUGH BULGARIAN AIRSPACE, SEND A SHORT
GREETING TO THE BULGARIAN CHIEF OF STATE WHO, AS WILL
BE RECALLED, HAS INVITED HIM TO VISIT BULGARIA AND MADE
OTHER RECENT OVERTURES IN OUR DIRECTION. JERZ
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